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the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

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WHEN PETER PARKER WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, HE GAINED THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED, STRENGTH AND AGILITY OF A SPIDER; ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES; AND THE UNIQUE PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER CALLED "SPIDER-SENSE"! AFTER LEARNING THAT WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY, HE BECAME THE CRIME-FIGHTING SUPER HERO CALLED...

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

THINGS ARE WORSE THAN EVER FOR PETER PARKER.

FOR A TIME, HE WAS THE OWNER AND OPERATOR OF A WORLDWIDE TECHNOLOGY FIRM, BUT WHEN A VILLAIN THREATENED TO TWIST EVERYTHING HE HAD BUILT FOR SELFISH AND EVIL MEANS, PETER HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO DESTROY THE COMPANY.

NOW DEEPLY DEPRESSED, HIS ONLY SOURCE OF HAPPINESS HAS BEEN HIS NIGHTLY PATROLS AS THE WEB-SLINGING WONDER CALLED SPIDER-MAN...

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I'M SORRY.
FOR ANY PAIN, DISTRESS OR DIFFICULTY I'VE CAUSED YOU...
...I, AND I ALONE, TAKE FULL AND COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY.
I DON'T MEAN THIS AS AN EXCUSE, BUT I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IF I COULD, I WOULD HAVE MADE SURE THIS NEVER HAPPENED.
SENDING THAT PAINFUL SIGNAL THROUGH YOUR WEBWARE SAVED COUNTLESS LIVES, AND THERE WAS NO WAY AROUND IT. BUT THAT DOESN'T ERASE THE EFFECT MY ACTIONS HAD ON YOU...
...OR THE LOSSES YOU SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF THE COLLAPSE OF PARKER INDUSTRIES. I'VE LIQUIDATED EVERYTHING I HAVE. IT'S THE ONLY WAY FOR ME TO EVEN BEGIN TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT.
I HOPE THE SETTLEMENT WE'VE AGREED TO, AND MY APOLOGY, CAN HELP YOU BEGIN TO PUT THIS BEHIND YOU, BUT I KNOW THEY DON'T FULLY MAKE UP FOR...
...LOSING YOUR JOBS. AND THE DISTRESS FROM HAVING TO PERSONALLY DESTROY EVERY ASSET AND SHRED OF DATA PARKER INDUSTRIES HAD TO KEEP IT OUT OF DR. OCTOPUS'S HANDS.
I APPRECIATE YOUR COURAGE IN CARRYING OUT THE PLAN TO DO SO. OBVIOUSLY, I NEVER WANTED ANY OF THIS TO HAPPEN... BUT I'M IN CHARGE. IT'S MY COMPANY.
WAS.
THAT MEANS...IT'S ON ME. I KNOW THAT. AND I HOPE YOU BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY I WILL NEVER STOP BEING PROUD OF WHAT WE AT PARKER INDUSTRIES WERE ABLE TO DO TOGETHER...
...AND I AM SO, SO SORRY IT HAS TO END LIKE THIS.

I KNOW THAT WAS HARD. BUT THIS WAS THE LAST STOP ON YOUR APOLOGY TOUR. AND IT WAS STAND-UP OF YOU TO EVEN DO IT.
FINALLY.
BUT SERIOUSLY, MOST COMPANIES SETTLE WITHOUT EVER ADMITTING TO ANY WRONGDOING... PETE? DID YOU HEAR--
LOOK AT THEM, HARRY. THEY REALLY HATE ME.
UNAMERICAN
WORK
THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW YOU. THEY HATE WHAT HAPPENED, AND SO DO YOU. WHICH IS WHY YOU'RE WORKING SO HARD TO MAKE AMENDS.
AND A BIG PART OF THAT IS GETTING OUR MOST VALUABLE PROPERTY READY FOR SALE. SO LET'S HEAD OVER THERE, OKAY?
YEAH... SURE...
I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT. I KNOW THE PLACE HAS SENTIMENTAL VALUE FOR YOU, BUT WITH MANHATTAN REAL ESTATE PRICES WHAT THEY ARE, SELLING IT IS OUR BEST CHANCE TO--
PETER?
AW, COME ON, PETE...
YOU'RE PULLING THIS #$%& AGAIN? REALLY?!
THIS GOT OLD BACK WHEN WE WERE IN COLLEGE, PARKER. COLLEGE!

HATE TO BAIL ON HARRY, BUT I HAD TO GET OUT OF THERE.
I'VE DEALT WITH PEOPLE HATING SPIDER-MAN, BUT THIS IS...DIFFERENT. HARDER. MAYBE BECAUSE IT'S NOT SPIDER-MAN THEY HATE THIS TIME.
THIS TIME... IT'S ME.
ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, NEW YORKERS ACTUALLY SEEM TO LIKE SPIDEY NOW, SO ALL IT TAKES IS A QUICK CHANGE...
...AND I DON'T HAVE TO HEAR ANY MORE CROWDS YELLING FOR THE HEAD OF--

PETER PARKER.

AS IF HE HASN'T SCREWED ME OVER ENOUGH!

BEYOND FOREVER NIGHTCLUB. NOW CLOSED.

HE *HUMILIATED* ME. USED MY MIND AND TOOK THE CREDIT. AND NOW HE'S GOING TO SELL OFF THE THINGS I INVENTED WHILE I WAS WORKING FOR PARKER INDUSTRIES?

HELL, NO. THAT STUFF'S *MINE.* AND WE'RE GETTING IT *BACK.*

THAT'S WHAT I LIKE TO HEAR, CLAYTO-- SORRY, *CLASH.* I MEAN, THE ROBIN HOOD THING'S COOL AND ALL, BUT IT'S TIME WE LOOKED OUT FOR *OURSELVES.*

WHAT LOCATION ARE WE HITTING? WHEREVER IT IS, I BET THERE'S ALL KINDS'A STUFF WE CAN SNAG. MAKE *FAT STACKS* FENCING TECH THAT AIN'T EVEN OUT YET--

NO. I DON'T WANT ANY OF PARKER'S CONSUMERIST JUNK. JUST WHAT I CREATED AS CLAYTON COLE.

I *WILL* PAY YOU EXTRA FOR THIS JOB, THOUGH, 'CAUSE IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY. WE HAVE TO BREAK INTO ONE OF THE MOST SECURE BUILDINGS IN THE WORLD, ALSO KNOWN AS...

...PARKER INDUSTRIES NEW YORK.

WHICH, BEFORE THAT, WAS THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE *FANTASTIC FOUR,* ALSO KNOWN AS...

"...THE BAXTER BUILDING."
NO. NUH-UH. NOT A SNOWBALL'S CHANCE.
PETER PARKER'S MY FRIEND. HE'D NEVER SELL MY HOME TO SOME...SOME CONDO-FLIPPING FINANCE BRO!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE YOU LIVED HERE, JOHNNY. PETE'S MY FRIEND TOO, AND I CAN TELL YOU HE DIDN'T WANT TO DO THIS... BUT HE DOESN'T HAVE A CHOICE.
WELL...MAYBE I CAN MAKE A COUNTEROFFER. I'VE GOT SIXTEEN GRAND IN SAVINGS. WHAT'S THAT GET ME?
AT MARKET PRICES? MAYBE ONE OF THE DOORKNOBS.
THIS IS A MISTAKE! I WANT TO TALK TO PETE!
FINE, BUT I JUST HAD A CONVERSATION WITH HIM ABOUT THIS. HE KNOWS HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE HERE. SO...

"...WHERE THE HECK IS HE?"
SHAKESHACK
ONE MORE. WEB-HANDS THIS TIME.
WHEN WE GET HOME, I'LL COOK YOU REAL ITALIAN FOOD.
TWIST MY ARM...
♪STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE, CREAM ON TOP! TELL ME THE NAME OF YOUR SWEETHEART! IS IT A,B,C--
MAN, DOUBLE-PARKERS ARE THE REAL MENACE TO SOCIETY.
THANKS, SPIDEY!
BZZT BZZT
GAH, TIME TO FACE THE MUSIC. THIS IS GOING TO HURT...
OH, HEY, HARRY...I KNOW, I KNOW. WHAT'S THAT YELLING? NEVER MIND...I'M ON MY WAY.
FUN'S OVER. BACK TO BEING POO-HEAD PARKER.
IF YOU ASK ME, "POOP IDEAS" IS A PRETTY SICK BURN...THE POOP EMOJI IS A LITTLE REDUNDANT, THOUGH.
I'LL WAIT TO CHANGE CLOTHES UNTIL I GET THERE... I CAN MOVE FASTER IF PEOPLE AREN'T TRYING TO TAR AND FEATHER ME ON THE WAY. YEAH, THAT MAKES SENSE.
THERE'S HARRY. AND IS THAT...OH, GREAT.
WHERE'S A LITTLE OLD LADY CROSSING THE STREET WHEN YOU NEED ONE?
HEY! KEEP IT DOWN! I COULD HEAR YOU FROM LEXINGTON AVENUE!

TELL HIM, SPIDEY! TELL HIM IT'S NOT FOR SALE!
GUYS! INSIDE VOICES!
IT'S NOT UP TO SPIDER-MAN. IT'S UP TO PETER PARKER!
...AND HE ALREADY AGREED TO THIS! SPIDEY, HE TOLD YOU, RIGHT?
YEAH, "SPIDEY," SPILL. WHAT DID PARKER SAY?
WELL, UM...
I THINK PETE MAY NOT HAVE FULLY... APPRECIATED THE COMPLEXITY OF THE SITUATION. BUT...
...FROM WHAT HE TOLD ME...SELLING THE BAXTER BUILDING REALLY KINDA IS THE ONLY WAY TO COVER ALL THE LAWSUITS, AND, UH...
ROLE PLAYING! THAT'S WHAT THERAPISTS DO, RIGHT? LET'S PRETEND I'M PETE. JOHNNY, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO ME?
I'D SAY...

...FLAME ON!

WALKED RIGHT INTO THAT ONE.

YOU SAID PARKER INDUSTRIES BOUGHT THE BUILDING TO *HOLD ONTO IT!* UNTIL "THE DAY THE FF ARE FINALLY BACK"!

YOU SAID, AND I QUOTE, "THE BAXTER BUILDING WILL *ALWAYS* BE HOME TO THE FANTASTIC FOUR"!

AND I *MEANT* IT!

THAT'S WHY I KEPT THE STATUE HERE! I DIDN'T KNOW ANY OF THIS STUFF WOULD HAPPEN WITH CLONES AND DOC OCK AND HYDRA! I'M SORR--

NO. Y'KNOW WHAT? I'VE APOLOGIZED *ENOUGH* TODAY. I DID MY BEST WITH THIS. AND NO ONE'S CUTTING ME *ANY* SLACK.

SO *BRING IT,* MATCHSTICK.

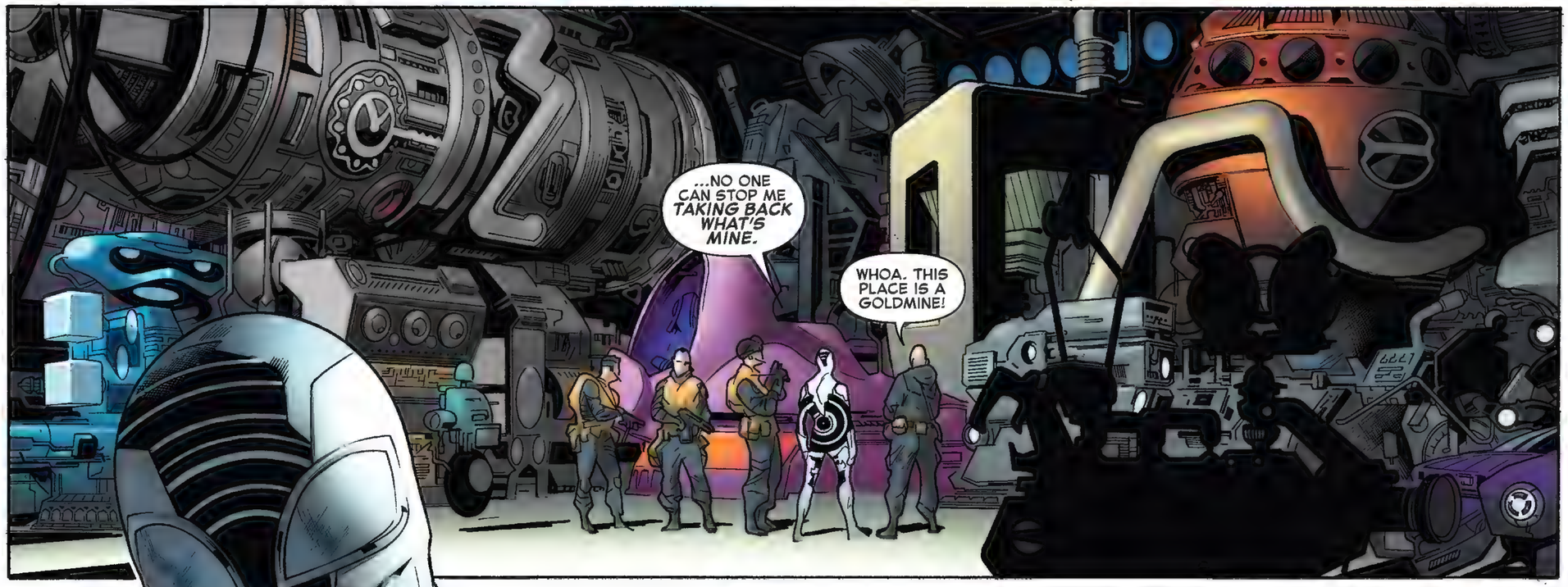
OH, IT IS *BROUGHT.*

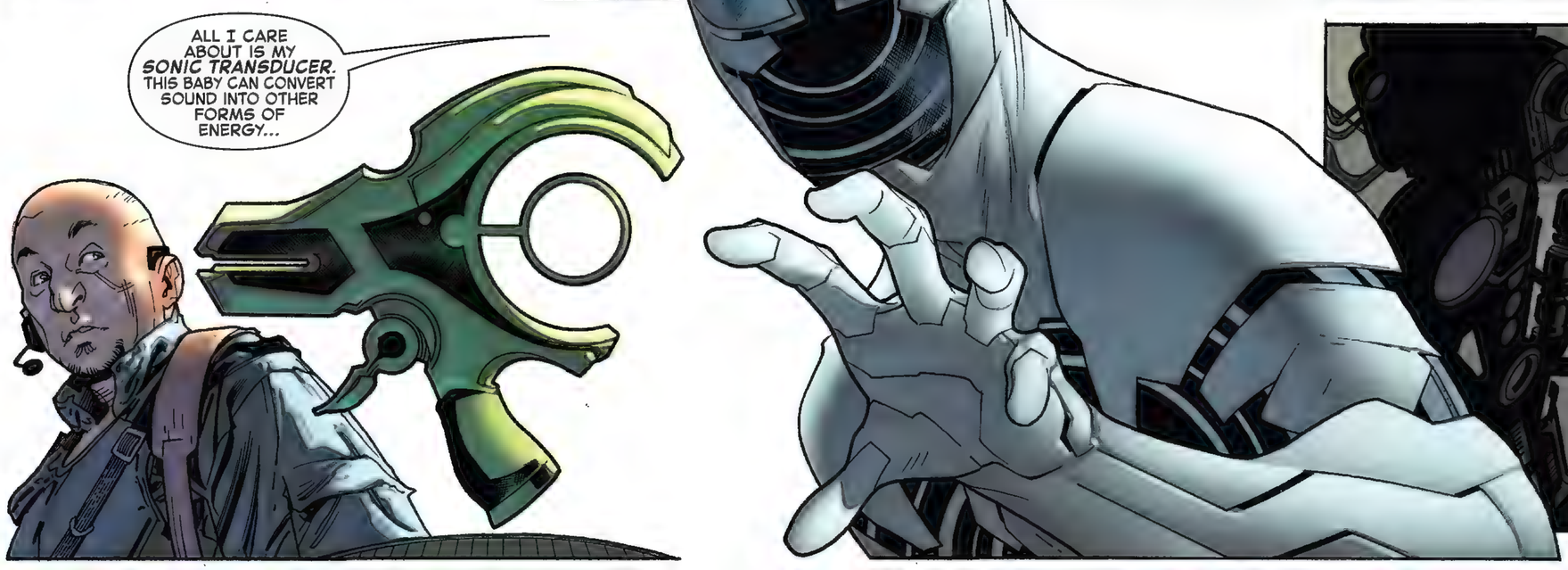
BUILDING'S EMPTY EXCEPT FOR US, SIR. YOU SHOULD EVACUATE--
ARE YOU KIDDING?!

THEY'LL WRECK THE PLACE AND VOID THE SALE! I HAVE TO STOP THIS SOMEHOW!

BEFORE IT GETS ANY WORSE!

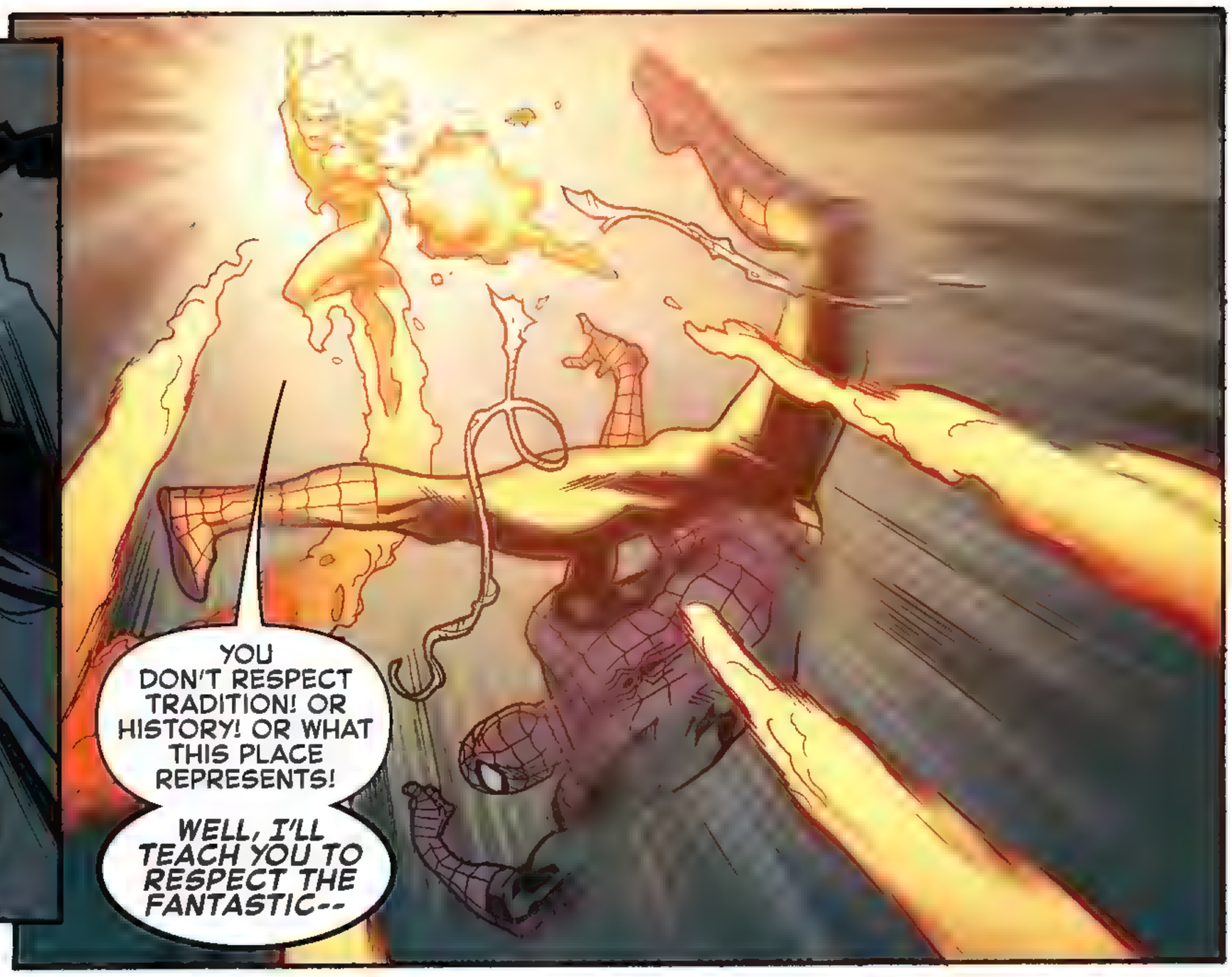
OKAY, THAT WAS TOO EASY.
THEY'RE SO BUSY WITH THOSE TWO IDIOTS, NO ONE EVEN TRIED TO STOP ME DISABLING THE SECURITY SYSTEMS! AND NOW...

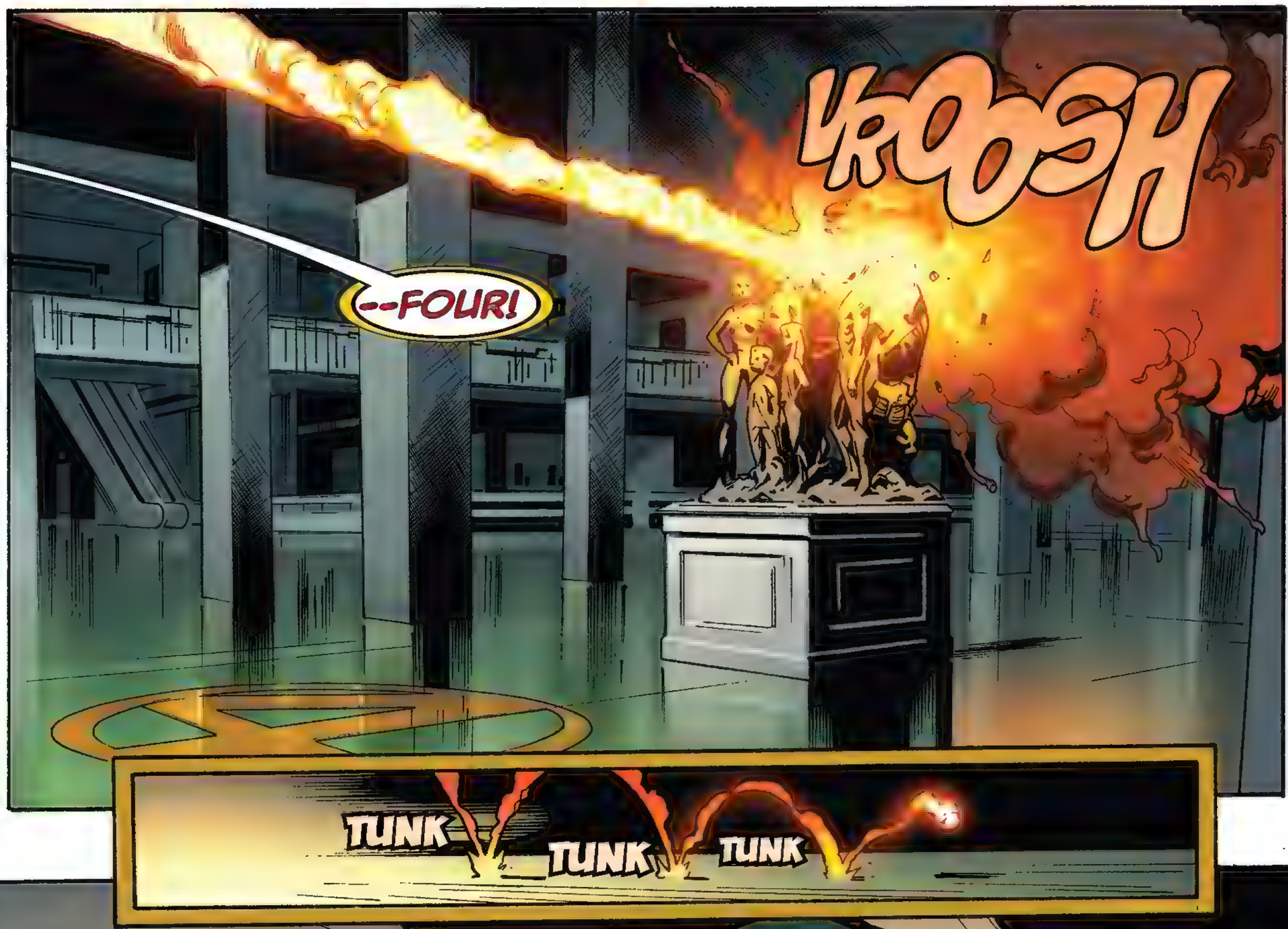

...NO ONE CAN STOP ME TAKING BACK WHAT'S MINE.
WHOA. THIS PLACE IS A GOLDMINE!


ALL I CARE ABOUT IS MY SONIC TRANSDUCER. THIS BABY CAN CONVERT SOUND INTO OTHER FORMS OF ENERGY...

...AND NOW IT'S BACK WHERE IT BELONGS. TOO BAD. I REALLY BELIEVED IN PARKER AND THIS COMPANY AT THE BEGINNING...
...BUT I'M NOT LETTING MY TECH GO UP IN FLAMES WITH THE REST OF IT.

WILL YOU LUNATICS THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING FOR TWO SECONDS?!
SORRY TO INTERRUPT, MR. LYMAN, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING YOU NEED TO SEE...


YOU DON'T RESPECT TRADITION! OR HISTORY! OR WHAT THIS PLACE REPRESENTS!
WELL, I'LL TEACH YOU TO RESPECT THE FANTASTIC--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KROOSH
TUNK
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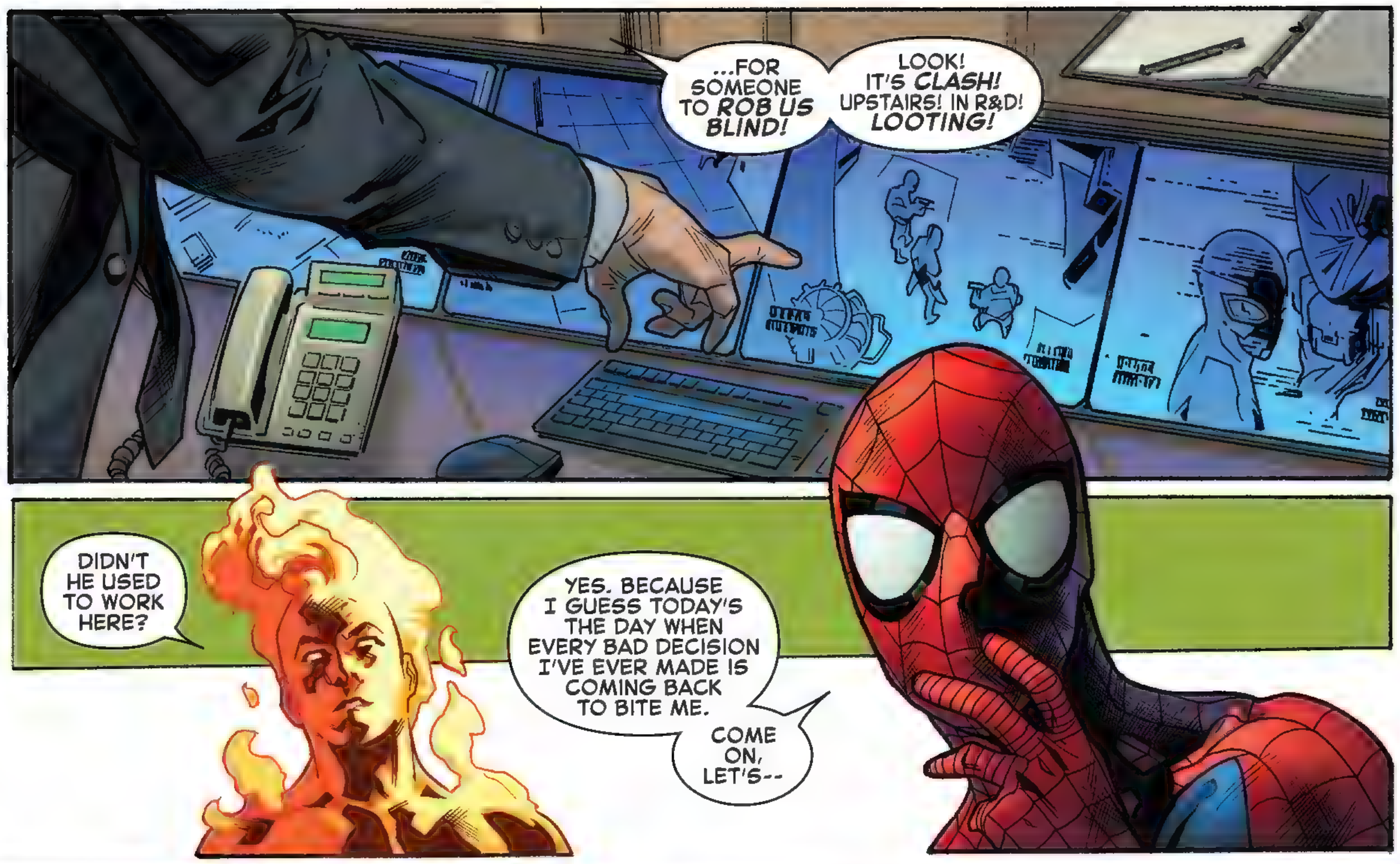
NORMALLY I'D MAKE A JOKE ABOUT LOSING YOUR HEAD, BUT I CAN READ A ROOM.
OH BOY... MAYBE WE CAN FIX IT...WITH SOME GLUE...OR SOMETHING.
I'M...UH... GOOD WITH ADHESIVES...

THINK WE OUGHTA... GO OUTSIDE AND SET A PERIMETER.
WAY AHEAD OF YOU.

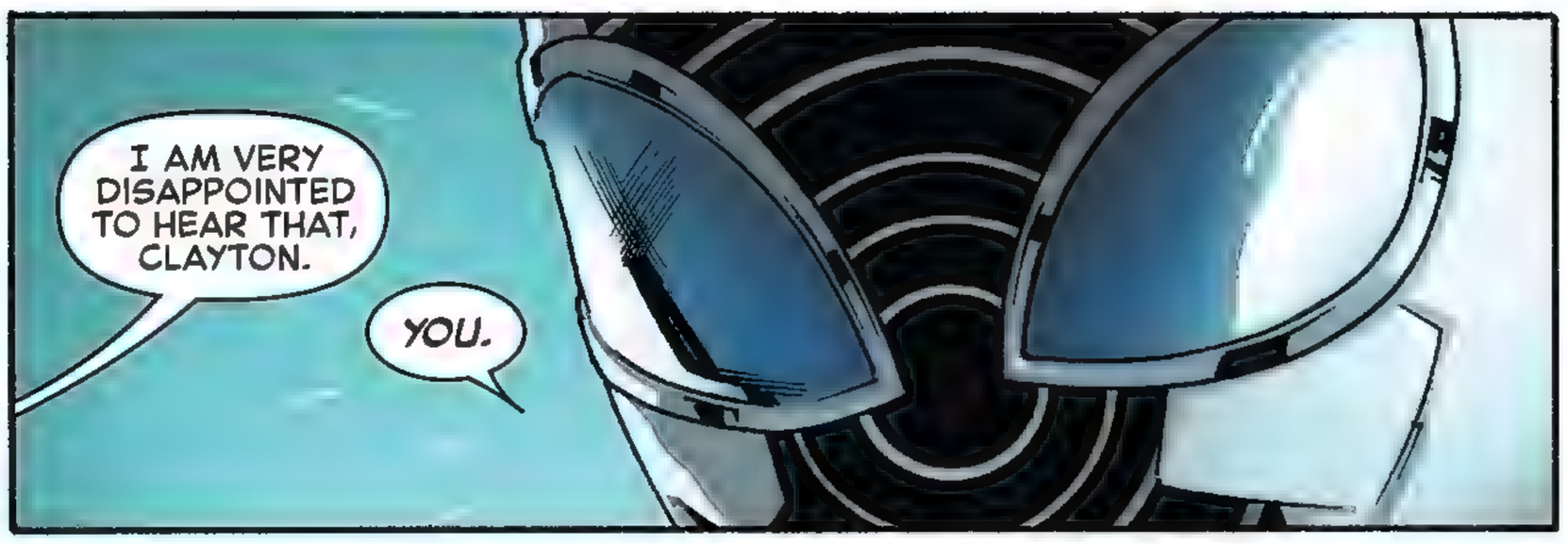
I...
...AM...
...GOING...
...TO--

SHUT UP AND LISTEN!
YOUR FIGHT CREATED THE PERFECT AND, SADLY, LITERAL SMOKE SCREEN...


...FOR SOMEONE TO ROB US BLIND!
LOOK! IT'S CLASH! UPSTAIRS! IN R&D! LOOTING!
DIDN'T HE USED TO WORK HERE?
YES. BECAUSE I GUESS TODAY'S THE DAY WHEN EVERY BAD DECISION I'VE EVER MADE IS COMING BACK TO BITE ME.
COME ON, LET'S--

--GET OUT OF HERE. WE'VE GOT WHAT WE CAME FOR.

SURE, BOSS. JUST LEMME GRAB A LITTLE SOMETHIN'-SOMETHIN'.
WH--? NO! LET ME REMIND YOU HOW THIS WORKS! YOU'RE THE HENCHMEN, I'M THE SUPER VILLAIN!


I AM VERY DISAPPOINTED TO HEAR THAT, CLAYTON.
YOU.

AFTER ALL THE PROMISES YOU MADE ABOUT GOING STRAIGHT...

YEAH. PROMISES ARE IMPORTANT, AND PEOPLE WHO BREAK THEM ARE SCUM.

YOU CAN'T LET IT GO FOR *FIVE MINUTES?*

I JUST WANT WHAT'S MINE...

...AND FOR *YOU* TO GET *YOURS!*

FASTER!

MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST BAIL. WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THIS THING *IS*.

UH...IS IT SUPPOSED TO GLOW LIKE THAT?

LIKE WHA...?

RUN!

WHAT IS THAT THING?

A SELF-RECHARGING POWER SOURCE. BUT IT'S STUCK IN AN UPWARD CYCLE...

...AND IF WE DO ANY MORE DAMAGE WITHOUT POWERING IT DOWN FIRST, IT'LL *TAKE OUT THE WHOLE BLOCK!*

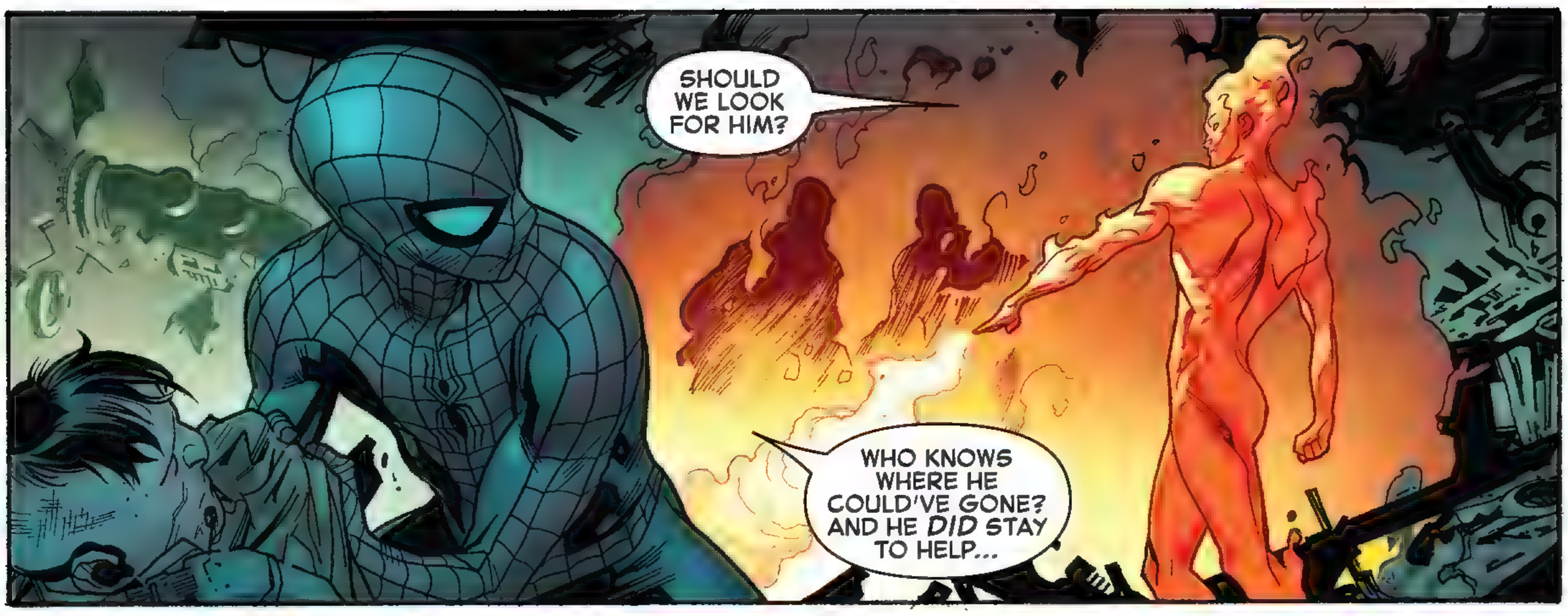
WRRRRRR

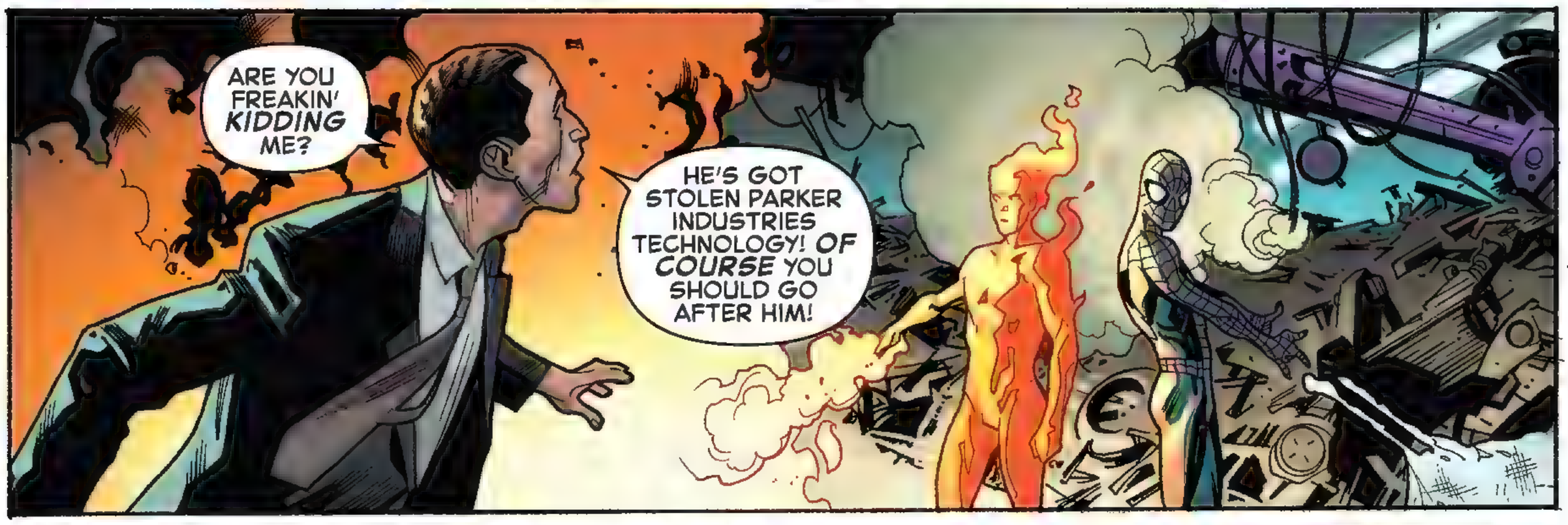
THE BUILDING'S FULL OF FAIL SAFES, TELL ME YOU DIDN'T--
DISABLE THEM WHEN I BROKE IN? KINDA. SORTA. YEAH.
CLAYTON!
I KNOW! BUT I'M NOT A "BAD GUY"...
...AND I CAN FIX THIS. I'LL COUNTER ITS CYCLE WITH NULL FREQUENCIES--
DAMN! IT'S NOT WORKING!
YOU'LL NEED TO CREATE A HARMONIC FREQUENCY, NOT A NULL FREQUENCY. AND TORCH, I'M GONNA NEED SOME PRECISE SPOT-WELDING FROM YOU.
BUT PARKER'S THE SCIENTIST! YOU'RE JUST HIS BODYGUARD! HOW CAN YOU BE SURE--
NIGHT CLASSES. LOOK...
...WE'VE ALL GOT BEEFS WITH EACH OTHER. BUT IF WE WANT TO STOP THE WHOLE BLOCK FROM COMING DOWN--
--WE NEED TO GIVE EACH OTHER THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT. OR THERE WON'T BE ANYTHING LEFT OF US BUT OUR PRIDE.

OKAY, WELD HERE...AND HERE.
HARMONIC PULSE. DOWN THE CENTER.
HOLD FOR ONE...TWO... THREE...
AAAND STOP.

NOW EITHER IT BLOWS UP IN OUR FACES, OR--
VVVNNNN
IT WORKED! HEY--THE ROBBERS--
AREN'T GOING ANYWHERE.
YOINK!
THWIP
THWIP

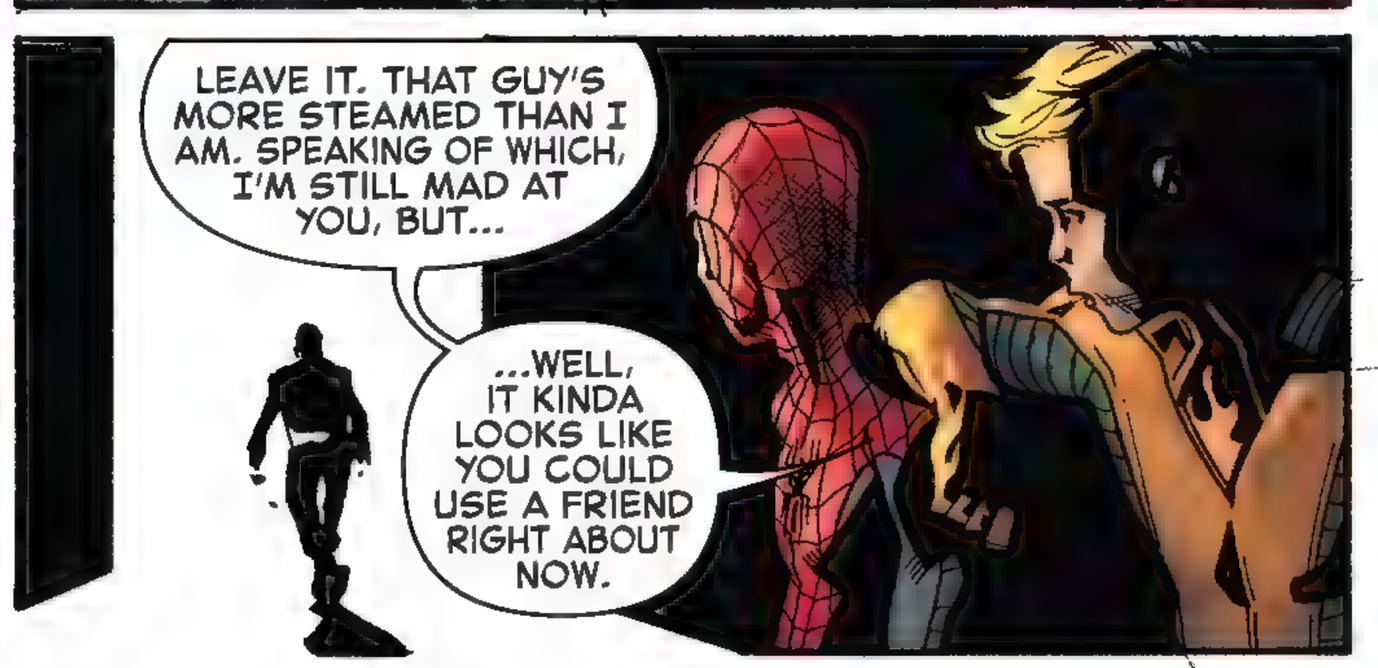
I'LL PUT THE STRAGGLERS IN A FLAME CAGE. HOLD UP--WHERE'S CLASH?
THAT CRAFTY LITTLE...
HE MUST'VE MUFFLED HIS SOUND AND SLIPPED AWAY.


SHOULD WE LOOK FOR HIM?
WHO KNOWS WHERE HE COULD'VE GONE? AND HE *DID* STAY TO HELP...


ARE YOU FREAKIN' *KIDDING* ME?
HE'S GOT STOLEN PARKER INDUSTRIES TECHNOLOGY! *OF COURSE* YOU SHOULD GO AFTER HIM!

CLAYTON ONLY TOOK WHAT HE CREATED. AND DID THE RIGHT THING WHEN IT MATTERED. I DON'T MIND--
YOU DON'T MIND. AND PETER DOESN'T CARE. *I'M* THE ONLY ONE GETTING AN ULCER OVER THIS.

AND Y'KNOW WHAT? I'M DONE.
IF YOU SEE PETE, TELL HIM *I QUIT!*
HARRY, HOLD ON...


LEAVE IT. THAT GUY'S MORE STEAMED THAN I AM. SPEAKING OF WHICH, I'M STILL MAD AT YOU, BUT...
...WELL, IT KINDA LOOKS LIKE YOU COULD USE A FRIEND RIGHT ABOUT NOW.

IT'S LIKE, I'D *FINALLY* GOTTEN EVERY-THING RIGHT FOR ONCE, Y'KNOW?

I WAS PUSHING SCIENCE FORWARD! HELPING PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD, AS BOTH SPIDER-MAN *AND* PARKER. *THIS WAS WHAT I'D BEEN WORKING TOWARD MY WHOLE LIFE!*

SO OF COURSE I MANAGED TO *BLOW IT ALL UP.*

NAH. JERKS LIKE *DOC OCK* DID THAT. WORST THING YOU'RE GUILTY OF IS TAKING ON MORE THAN YOU COULD HANDLE. EVEN *I'VE* DONE THAT

YOU SHOULD'VE LET SOMEONE ELSE BE C.E.O. IN THE LAB, DOING THE SCIENCE, OR OUT HELPING PEOPLE--*THAT'S* WHERE YOU BELONG. ONE THING I KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE IS YOU CAN'T DO EVERYTHING YOURSELF. YOU NEED A TEAM.

OR A FAMILY...

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M SAYING THIS, BUT...YOU'RE RIGHT, JOHNNY.

TOO BAD I'VE BLOWN ANY CHANCE I EVER HAD OF DOING ANYTHING LIKE THAT AGAIN...

BZZT BZZT

HULLO. PETER PARKER HERE.

WHO IS THIS AND HOW HAVE I RUINED YOUR LIFE?

IT'S *JOE ROBERTSON,* PETE.

AND THIS IS YOUR *NEW LIFE* CALLING.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK FOR *THE DAILY BUGLE?*

NO. NOT TAKING PHOTOS, PETE. THIS IS ABOUT *SCIENCE.*

TO BE CONTINUED!

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Hello in here, out there around the world and aboard all the ships at sea!

Associate Webitor Devin Lewis reporting to you live and in-print from Marvel HQ in the heart of New York, and what a crazy few weeks it's been. Not just for us as New York Comic Con looms ever-closer, but for Peter Parker, too, as one of the most epic stories in Dan Slott and Stuart Immonen's run of THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN begins – THE FALL OF PARKER!

But enough gabbing from me! Let's hear from the people who matter – you fans out there in Mighty Marveldom.

Dear Web-heads:

This is indeed a beautiful time in my life. Somehow, between ups and downs, I managed to buy every single AMAZING SPIDER-MAN issue (every month, every year, no matter what). Some months ago, I was told by my wife that I was going to be a father. First time. I'm almost 40, I thought it wouldn't happen. I'm calling him Benjamin. He's gonna be everything I wasn't and all I want is for him to have a beautiful, happy life as I have it now.

Through ups and downs, this loyal reader will be raising a Beautiful Ben (A.K.A. Peter "Benjamin" Parker) to be as noble, good, funny and courageous as Pete is.

I hope you print this as a nice reminder that hope, Ben, is never lost, no matter what.

I love you, son. Start web-swinging. It's a beautiful life!

Baby's due this October ;)

Yours truly,
José Carlos F.

HOLY MACARONI, JOSÉ! A bunch of great news, here, but I think you kind of buried the lede – CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FIRST CHILD! I can't think of a higher compliment to pay our favorite fictitious web-slinger or his Uncle Ben than instilling their values in your soon-to-be-born little one.

From the Marvel Family to yours, congratulations again! And if Ben happens to share your affinity for all things Spidey, be sure to send us a snapshot of you two enjoying comics together and we'll include it in a future letter column.

Hi there Spider-team,

I just wanted to take a moment to let you know how much I enjoyed issue 32 and Dan Slott's "Personal Demon" story focusing on good old Norman Osborn.

Alex Ross's cover was great as they always are, and it felt nice to shift gears a little from all the action of late to a simple character-driven story that hopefully will bring even more fun in the future. I'm really hoping that Norman can soon find "that cackling! That touch of madness!" and bring back some of that classic Green Goblin vs Spider-Man action.

Keep up the great work!

Matt Nelson
East Berlin, PA

Thanks for reading, and for your letter, Geoffrey! Believe me when I say that you're not the only one rooting for the Goblin to make his return – I am too!

BUT GEOFFREY! WHAT DOES THAT SAY ABOUT US?! WE'RE ROOTING FOR THE BAD GUY!

Dear Dan, Nick, Devin, Allison and the rest of the Amazing Gang,

Mabuhay! I am writing you this letter just to let you know how much Spider-Man is inspiring thousands, if not millions of fans all over the world every day, and making them happy. From fighting galactic evildoers to simple petty thieves or even just the dreaded Parker luck, Spidey always seems to reach out into the hearts of all people and inspire them in his own amazingly spectacular and sensational way.

I once wrote you a letter telling how much Spidey has inspired me to become a nurse and help other people. Right now, I transferred to Japan to work there. I am so happy that people here are about as enthusiastic as I am about the web-head! I even felt bad that the SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING figures were all sold out at the day of their official release and I wasn't able to buy even just one! Currently, I am so excited for the return of the volume one numberings and I can't wait for the 800th issue!

Thank you for giving us the best stories that you could ever give, and me as a diehard fan and all the other fans around the globe appreciate that and we always get inspired from those.

To celebrate our 10-year anniversary, me and my ever lovin' girlfriend once again posed like Spidey and MJ doing a web-swing together right in front of the Amazing Spider-Man ride in U.S.J Osaka.

Webfully yours,
Lester Jan "Spider-Nurse" Magno
Kobe, Japan

Hi, Lester, and thanks for your letters! Congratulations on ten years with your girlfriend – you two seem like a wonderful couple! Although I'm only guessing that based on this lovely picture you've sent along. Maybe you're both terrible in real life!

(I'm SURE that's not the case).

AND! If it makes you feel any better, I scoured my local stores for those HOMECOMING Marvel Legends – I mean, c'mon, just look at that Vulture Build-a-Figure! And they were almost impossible to find here, too! YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Dear Spider-Office,

I recently got back into comics after a fifteen-year hiatus. I decided I wasn't going to read Spider-Man because as a kid that was 90% of what I bought, and I figured I had read every Spider-Man story out there.

But occasionally over the last year I would pick up the odd issue of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN just for the cover because I have always loved Alex Ross' art. I was never disappointed in the story either; I recently picked up a trade paperback of SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN and quickly became a big fan of Dan Slott.

In my opinion, he is easily one of the all-time great Spider-Man writers, and my favorite next to Stan Lee. I think the current run of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN are some of the best Spider-Man comics I have ever read, and I can't describe how much I love that Alex Ross does the covers. As long as these two creators are involved in this series I am going to keep reading it.

Keep up the good work,
Cody T.

CODY, MY SWEET, SWEET CODY, HOW I ENVY YOU!

I'm not sure where you're at as you catch up on Dan's run – he's been working on Spider-Man for about ten years now –but to read just about any of 'em for the first time is an absolute treat.

But to read SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN for the first time, too? Hoo, boy! You are in for some GREAT comics.

PLUS! Did you know that Dan is STILL writing Spider-Man? He even wrote this very issue! And Alex Ross is still doing covers! Why, you could probably dive right in and keep buyin' Spidey each and every month! Just sayin'...

Hey Spider-Brains!

Or should I say Octopus-Brains? I love the new Superior Octopus. What a great character. He's the perfect comeback for Otto Octavius. You guys have so many great artists working on THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN, I was wondering who came up with the new look? Was it Stuart Immonen alone? I mean, I'm sure the design is looked at by a bunch of editors, artists and the great Dan Slott, but how exactly is a new look for a villain born? Who was pregnant and who delivered it? Is it like the maternity ward and Dan's the nervous husband, Stuart's in bed with his feet on the stirrups ready to push it out, and Allison, Devin and Nick are the doctor, midwife and doula? I hope you guys get a kick out of picturing that because your comic is always a good time for me.

Thanks, guys,
Mike D.

What an active imagination you have, Mike! The SUPERIOR OCTOPUS was actually designed by JIM CHEUNG! Of course, your favorite editors had the opportunity to voice their thoughts on Otto's new look, but, with an ace like Jim on the case, we were fortunate to be able to watch as he worked his magic.

From there, we gave the design to Stuart (another living legend in the Spidey braintrust!), who breathed life into it in just the way you'd expect.

It's the synthesis of Dan's well-defined understanding of Otto's personality, Jim's attention to detail and Stuart's ability to make two-dimensional characters look and feel like three-dimensional people that make the Superior Octopus so special, and we're glad you think so too!

Sadly, I don't know what this means for your birth metaphor, but I'm okay with that!

ALL RIGHT! I'm late for karaoke, so let's call it a day!

Don't forget to keep readin' and keep writin' to SPIDEYOFFICE@MARVEL.COM to let us know how we're doing! Mark your letters OKAY TO PRINT, and they just might show up in a future issue!

OVER AND OUT!
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